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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to under 37 CFR 1.71, as being so incomprehensible as to preclude a reasonable search of the prior art by the examiner. For example, the following items are not understood: As seen on the attached claim, the typing of the contents is not clear enough to understand the specification and the claims. (for example "l" and "i" are not shown clearly).

Claim Amendments

1. (Currently amended) A method for forming a uniform lining of refractory material within the interior of a coreless furnace, comprising

- providing a lining form having walls dimensioned to provide a uniform space between the liner walls and the interior of the furnace;
- providing a carrier for the lining form, said carrier having a structure adapted for concentric location and attachment on top of a lining form, and for carrying the lining form when attached thereto, said carrier further having furnace engagement and locating means for engaging said furnace and locating said lining form, when attached concentrically within the interior of the furnace, and further having a conical upper surface having an outer diameter substantially equal to the diameter of the lining form;
- attaching the carrier concentrically on top of the lining form to provide a carrier-liner assembly;
- lowering at least part of the carrier-liner assembly into the interior of the furnace while engaging the furnace engagement and locating means of the carrier with said furnace, thereby concentrically locating said lining form within said furnace, and
- pouring particulate refractory material onto said conical upper surface, whereby the particulate refractory material is directed into the uniform space between the lining form and the furnace.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the particulate refractory material is vibrated for compaction within the space between the lining form and the furnace.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein a fixture is provided interconnecting the lining form and the furnace during vibration of the particulate refractory material to maintain the lining form concentric with respect to the furnace.

Applicant is required to submit an amendment which clarifies the disclosure so that the examiner may make a proper comparison of the invention with the prior art.

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Applicant should be careful not to introduce any new matter into the disclosure (i.e., matter which is not supported by the disclosure as originally filed).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

2. No art rejections have been applied to claims 1-18, since there are great deal of confusion and uncertainty as to proper interpretations of claims. Therefore, it would not be proper to reject such claims on the basis of prior art. See MPEP 2173.06

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John C. Hong whose telephone number is 571-272-4529. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(07:00-16:30)First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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